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Libby Sells to Dole; Boost for Isle Economy

Libby, McNeill & Libby has announced the sale of its Hawaiian pineapple operations to the Dole Company of Hawaii. The sale price was not disclosed.

Involved in the sale is Libby's 12,500-acre pineapple plantation at Maunaloa and a cannery in Honolulu. The Dole Company, a division of Castle & Cooke, Inc., owns and operates pineapple plantations on Lanai, at Wahiawa, Oahu, and in the Philippines.

The announcement said all of Libby's employees, totaling about 800 persons, would be offered jobs with Dole. The announcement was greeted with general enthusiasm on Molokai as a sign that pineapple production will remain a principal contributor to the island economy.

Libby announced its intention last October to seek a buyer for its Hawaii pineapple operations. Libby said the company decided to sell its Hawaii holdings in order to put the company in a "more flexible procurement position."

Without the Hawaii operations, Libby will have more freedom to buy pineapple when and where it wishes, either from Hawaii or foreign countries. Dole said a portion of the pineapple harvested in the future on Molokai will be sold to Libby. Libby also has sources of pineapple in Taiwan and Swaziland in southeast Africa.

William F. Quinn, Dole president, said purchase of the Molokai plantation increases Dole's total Hawaiian and Philippine acreage by about 25 per cent.

Dole owns the island of Lanai, where it operates a 16,000-acre pineapple plantation. The acreage on Molokai is owned by the Molokai Ranch, which has leased it out on a longterm basis for pineapple cultivation.

There has been speculation, ever since Libby first announced its intention to sell, that Dole would be the eventual purchaser. Disposition of Libby's Honolulu cannery apparently was a stumbling block to an early sale. Dole officials had said their company had no use for a cannery in addition to the one they already operate on Oahu.

Dole did not announce its eventual plans for the former Libby cannery. Dole said the Libby facility would be used for processing during the 1970 season.

A number of Libby employees expressed satisfaction with the purchase by Dole. It was felt that pineapple raising on Molokai could be improved through operation of the plantation by Dole—a local company with a long history of success in pineapple cultivation.

Council To Molokai

The Maui County Council has scheduled meetings on Molokai and Lanai in March and April.

Chairman Goro Hokama said the council, which normally holds its sessions at Wailuku, would meet on Lanai March 6 and on Molokai April 3.

Mariano Acoba, a Libby employee and head of the Maunaloa unit of the ILWU, termed the sale "good news." He said pineapple workers on Molokai now should have no worries about the security of their jobs. He said he expected that wages and working conditions under Dole would remain about as they have been under Libby.

Robert Brown, manager of the smaller Del Monte pineapple plantation at Kualapuu, said he was "delighted with the news" because of the importance of continued pineapple cultivation to the economy of Molokai. Brown is the newly-elected president of the Molokai Chamber of Commerce.

The people of Dole, he said, "are pros in the business and they're going to be here a long time and it will be very good for the island."

The raising of pineapple is Molokai's principal industry, although cattle ranching and diversified farming have been major businesses and tourism is growing in importance. The total payroll for employees of Molokai's two pineapple plantations totaled \$4,742,755 in 1968.

Libby said the sale to Dole is subject to approval by directors of both companies, appropriate government agencies and affected landowners.

Gill, Hamilton Slated For Kaunakakai Talks

Lt. Gov. Thomas Gill is among speakers scheduled to address persons attending the Jan. 27 Teachers Institute Day program at Kaunakakai School cafeteria.

The program, sponsored by the Molokai Education Assn., will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is open to the public. Other speakers scheduled to talk include Dr. Thomas Hamilton, president of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, and Dr. Donald Sanborn of the Hawaii Curriculum Center.

Institute Day is a day set aside annually for meetings sponsored by professional teaching organizations. The Molokai Federation of Teachers also will sponsor an Institute Day program Jan. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Molokai High. The program was not announced in time for inclusion in this issue of the Molokai Reporter.

Lower Electric Bill

Molokai Electric Co. has announced a slight reduction in the amount its customers will be paying for electric service.

Henry Yamashita, Molokai Electric manager, said the reduction is the result of a decrease in the cost of fuel oil for the company's diesel generators. The reduction took effect Jan. 1.

Yamashita said that on an annual basis, the reduction would result in a total savings of \$3,500 for the company's 438 commercial customers and \$5,000 for the 1,280 residential customers.



ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH—Father Damien's Church—is located on the beautiful and rugged east side of the Kalawao Peninsula, across the peninsula from Kalaupapa. For a story and more photos from Kalawao, see pages 4 and 5.

Planners Reject Proposal For New Molokai Hotel

A request for permission to build a new 200-room hotel near Kaunakakai has been turned down by the Molokai Advisory Committee to the Maui County Planning Commission.

The committee denied the request of Molokai Resorts, Inc., of Honolulu, for rezoning of seven acres of land one mile east of Kaunakakai from interim to hotel zoning. The firm wants to build a six-story hotel on the site, at Kapakea.

The committee forwarded its recommendations to the planning commission, which was scheduled to take up the matter at a meeting on Maui yesterday.

In a letter to the commission, the advisory committee said it rejected the rezoning request because there already are "sufficient hotel designated lands on Molokai to handle the projected growth of the tourist industry."

Other reasons for the rejection, the committee said, were that the proposed hotel site is in a low lying area subject to floods and that a dispute over ownership of a portion of the land has not yet been

resolved.

The land was leased to Molokai Resorts by the Hawaiian Homes Commission. However, Mrs. Beatrice B. Lewis, a Molokai resident, said that she owns a lease on a portion of the land which the commission claims it owns.

The committee also warned that construction of a six-story hotel "would not be compatible with existing resort and residential development in the area."

The committee noted that a number of Molokai homesteaders have objected to commercial resort development on Hawaiian Homes land. Homesteaders speaking at a public hearing last month in Kaunakakai argued that Hawaiian Homes land should be used exclusively for homesites for persons of Hawaiian ancestry.

Advisory committee chairman Loy Clumey and committee members Antonio Abrahano, Harrison Cooke and Richard Sakata voted unanimously to reject the rezoning request. Member Wilfred Ima-mura did not attend the public hearing, so did not vote on the recommendation.

Reporter Commentary

RESERVATIONS ABOUT RESERVES

We have serious reservations about Councilman Loy Cluney's proposal for a Maui County reserve police force to work on a regular basis with the police department.

The maintenance of public safety and order is a complicated task best handled by trained professionals. If the police department is shorthanded, it is up to the County Council to hire more men rather than to try filling the gap through the use of well-meaning amateurs.

County Police Chief Abraham Aiona, in rejecting the Cluney proposal, warned of possible differences in both philosophy and performance between policemen and the civilian volunteers who would serve as reserves.

Policemen are trained in the impartial enforcement of law and in efficient, practical means of maintaining order. They also understand and accept strict discipline which sometimes means long hours and difficult, dangerous jobs.

We believe it would not be possible to recruit sufficient volunteers who can maintain this standard of disciplined professionalism. Chief Aiona and his men would be stuck with the job of restraining over-eager volunteers on the one hand, and continually stirring up apathetic volunteers on the other. We would, however, support a plan for a reserve police force of civilians to be called out only in cases of extreme emergency.

Conservation Plan Gets Go-Ahead

The federal government has given the final go-ahead for a comprehensive conservation program for Molokai, Maui and Lanai.

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin authorized work on the Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Project after planning funds for the project were approved by the U.S. Senate and House subcommittees on agriculture appropriations.

According to Arthur Fernandez, Maui County federal programs coordinator, the county will receive about \$30,000 for use during the next five months in planning a complete conservation program for the three islands.

Fernandez said the county expects to apply late this year for further federal funds to finance implementation of the program. He said a total of \$1.1 million in federal funds is expected to be available within the next five years for the project.

The tri-isle project will be involved with such matters as proper land use, water and wind erosion, flooding, irrigation projects, pasture improvements and other conservation problems.

Committees Named

The newly elected board of trustees of Molokai General Hospital has selected chairmen and members for eight board committees.

Committee chairmen are Robert Brown, executive committee; Joe Manaba, finance; Mrs. Pearl Friel, personnel; Mitchell Pauole, public relations; George Tamura, legislative; A. P. Lum, buildings; Arthur Naehu, nominating, and Ben Hussey, special bylaws.

Mrs. Friel, Pauole, Lum, Hussey, Mrs. Wilma Grambusch, Ralph Moltzau and F. Karl Teshima were elected to the board in a special election Dec. 15. Brown, who is chairman of the board; and Manaba, Tamura and Naehu were elected previously.

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Virgin or Prostitute?

By Eben Turban

We are told that progress is essential to the well-being of the island of Molokai. We are told that to be left alone, to remain as we are, is madness when all the world is geared toward progress and progress and progress. Artificial planets have been sent by man around the sun, and human feet have stepped upon the moon—and we still slumber, we still take it easy, we have not yet caught the fever, the modern sickness. How unprogressive of us!

Fear not, Molokai! Between Governor Burns and the Mainland entrepreneur it shall not be long until the symbols of progress reach us, too. The anonymity of being in a crowd. The vandalism born out of boredom. The frustration that leads to senseless violence. The polite policeman turning into a pig. The Healthy Competition, that staunch backbone of The American Way of Life, so unhealthy in its by-products of eternal discontent and rebellion. The erosion of values. The stability exemplified by steel and brick and mortar. Pollution. Suspicion. The corner cut. The shady deal. Progress, progress, progress. We are told that we will reap rewards and jobs and money. But are we hungry today, or poor? Is there any evidence that possessions and fulfillment are one and the same?

We sit on what are probably the last 260 square miles of U.S. soil where one does not have to lock one's door at night; where one can walk anywhere anytime without apprehension; where neighbours are more than just the people next door, and friendliness is not an empty abused Texan phrase; where we still live by values that have nothing to do with the Gross National Product, but do concern themselves with the conduct between man and man, and man and nature; where we admire more a noble, just, or kind man, than the fast talker and quick buck maker. These are real values, values taught by sages of all cultures of all ages, long before anyone spoke of progress. And these are the values asked of us as the price for progress and its symbols and its myths. For it is myth that progress can be equated with happiness, or having with being, or owning with riches.

We are told that we need more hotels and jetports and roads, and need them more than peace and tranquility. We are told that it is a disgrace to be behind the measurable standard of living of most of the rest of the U.S., no matter how far above them we are in that which economists cannot measure. I don't think we need to be told anything. We have a bit of telling to do ourselves. First of all, perhaps: "Leave us alone. Leave this island to those who live on it." Yes, let those who do not like it here as it is, leave. Let those who remain because they like it, resist.

Let us resist the greed of those who have no concern for us other than as means to satisfy their greed. Let us resist progress, unless we can be shown how that progress will make us happier and better and wholer. Let us resist those who come before us with neat schemes and quick words, and those who even lack the courage to have their names appear underneath the opinions they ask us to consider. Let us not be fooled by the magnificent naivete (or is it nefariousness?) of those who would have us believe that we can develop a tourist industry on Molokai, and still retain those self same qualities which are supposed to be the lure that brings tourists to our refuge in the first place. Molokai, make up your mind: virgin, or prostitute. There is no in-between.

Eagle Badge For Kualapuu Scout

Bruce Fujimoto of Kualapuu was awarded the Eagle badge, highest award in Boy Scouting, in ceremonies last month on Maui.

Fujimoto, 15, is a member of Kualapuu Scout Troop 21. He is a sophomore at Lahainaluna High School on Maui. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masatoshi Fujimoto of Kualapuu.

Homecoming Game

Molokai High will celebrate its annual Homecoming Day this Saturday with a varsity versus alumni basketball game and a dance.

Basketball action is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the community center gym, with the dance following from 9:30-11:30.

The annual meeting of the Molokai Community Federal Credit Union will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Molokai Community Center.

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KUALAPUU THEATRE

Movies now are being shown at the Kualapuu Theatre seven nights a week, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Adult Movies every Tuesday and Wednesday. (The sound system at the Kualapuu Theatre has been repaired.)

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Insect Day For Molokai 4-H

A Molokai 4-H entomology program and contest is scheduled for Kaunakakai School on Jan. 31 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Dr. Albert LaPlante, entomologist, and Fred Fujimoto, county extension agent, will discuss insect life, control methods and safety precautions. Molokai 4-H members will present illustrated talks on common insects, including termites, flies, honeybees and mosquitoes. Movies and slides on insect identification also are scheduled.

The program will include a written test on various aspects of entomology. Money prizes donated by the Molokai Lions Club will be presented to winners of this contest.

Tokunaga Elected

Bernard Tokunaga, principal of Maunaloa School, has been elected president of the Maunaloa Community Council for 1970.

Other new officers are Perfecto Valdez, vice president; Pat Sanchez, secretary, and Peggy Calantoc, treasurer. The council, a semi-official governing body for the plantation-owned town, is responsible for initiating and maintaining various civic improvement programs.

John Iaea, director of the Molokai Community Center, has been named chairman of the 1970 fund drive for the Molokai Red Cross. The campaign is scheduled to begin in March.

Dinner to Honor Scout Executive

James Ohta, Maui County Boy Scout Executive since 1948, will be honored at a testimonial dinner this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Kaunakakai School cafeteria.

Ohta retired from his position with the Scouts Dec. 31. He has been active in Scouting since 1924, when he joined the Boy Scouts while a student at Maui High.

Since Ohta first joined the Scouts, he has seen the organization in Maui County grow from about 150 boys to today's total of about 1,600.

Tickets for the dinner, at \$2.50, may be purchased from local Boy Scout leaders throughout Molokai.

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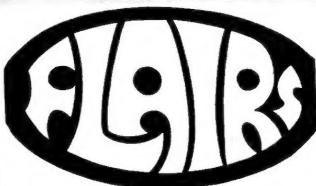
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Mr. & Mrs. George Kaulia, Kaunakakai, boy George Jr., Jan. 5.

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Basketball Action Underway

Action in the 1970 Molokai Men's Commercial Basketball League is underway at the Molokai Community Center. Twenty-eight games remain to be played in competition that will run until Feb. 24.

Doubleheaders are offered on each of the nights of competition. The first game of each doubleheader will be played at 7 p.m., with the second game at 8:30 p.m.

JAN. 22

East End vs MHS-1
Outdoors Molokai vs MHS-2

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JAN. 27

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MHS-1 vs Hoolehua Sons

JAN. 29

Outdoors Molokai vs Mustangs
Hoolehua Sons vs LONO

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MHS-2 vs Mustangs
MHS-1 vs Outdoors Molokai

FEB. 3

Hoolehua Sons vs East End

Outdoors Molokai vs LONO

FEB. 5

MHS-1 vs MHS-2
Mustangs vs East End

FEB. 9

Outdoors Molokai vs Hoolehua Sons
MHS-2 vs LONO

FEB. 10

Outdoors Molokai vs East End
Mustangs vs MHS-1

FEB. 12

Hoolehua Sons vs MHS-2
LONO vs Mustangs

FEB. 16

MHS-2 vs East End
LONO vs MHS-1

FEB. 17

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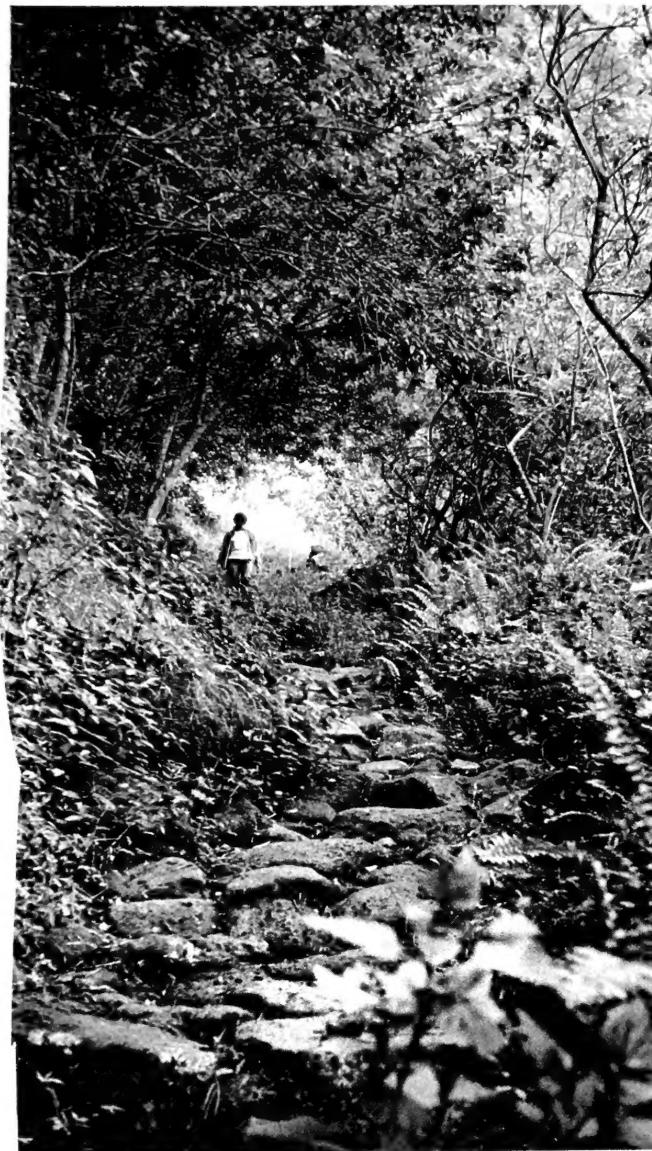
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a visit to kalaupapa & kalawao:



THE MOST PLEASANT APPROACH to the Kalawao Peninsula is via a three-mile trail (above) that runs from the Kalaupapa Lookout on the main portion of Molokai to the outskirts of Kalaupapa. Visitors also may fly in to the Kalaupapa airstrip.

AN OLD HAWAIIAN GRAVEYARD (below) is located near Kalaupapa along the rim of the volcano that formed the Kalawao Peninsula.



By DON GRAYDON

A visit to Kalaupapa and the Kalawao Peninsula is a journey into the past--an introduction to an apparently serene and uncomplicated way of life rare in Hawaii today.

Life must, of course, appear anything but serene and uncomplicated to the few remaining victims of leprosy still being treated at Kalaupapa. But to the casual visitor, the overall impression is one of beauty and solitude.

Separated politically and geologically from the rest of the island of Molokai, the Kalawao Peninsula might as well be considered another island. The peninsula was formed by its own volcano and is barred from easy contact with the main portion of Molokai by near-vertical cliffs rising almost 2,000 feet. The peninsula is a separate county administered by the State Dept. of Health.

Less than 225 persons live in Kalaupapa, the peninsula's only town. Only 43 active Hansen's Disease patients still live there, along with about three times that many inactive patients who have chosen to remain. Most of the other residents are connected with the work of the Hansen's Disease hospital in Kalaupapa.

Tourists are permitted to make daytime visits to Kalaupapa. They are not allowed to buy food, however, and must bring their lunches with them. They also are required to travel in the company of an authorized tour guide.

The most interesting entry to the peninsula is via a three-mile trail that descends sharply from Kalaupapa Lookout on the main part of Molokai to the outskirts of the town of Kalaupapa.

The trail is steep, rocky and frequently wet and slippery, but is in generally good condition. The descent should be no big problem for anyone in reasonably good

volcanic crater are offered along much of the trail, which winds down the densely vegetated cliff in a long series of switchbacks.

At the bottom, the trail follows the rocky coastline for about half a mile toward Kalaupapa. In the town, across from the ramshackle old state hospital, is a monument to Father Damien--provided by donations from British school children in honor of the Belgian priest who worked



FATHER DAMIEN
in 1889, at the age of 49,
shortly before his death

with the people of the peninsula for 18 years before his death in 1889.

Next door to the monument is the grave of Mother Marianne, the nun who came to help in the work of Father Damien. Nearby is the site of the buildings constructed during Mother Marianne's time to house the women of the settlement. At that time, most patients lived on the opposite side of the peninsula from Kalaupapa, which then was an old Hawaiian fishing village.

Kalaupapa today is a quiet, pictureque little town, with good roads running past a few old stores, the hospital, an administration building, a community hall, the police department and scattered, nicely maintained small homes. The silence is broken most frequently by the barking of dogs, which invariably are seen riding around town in the backs of trucks.

Kalaupapa also has a fire department which is housed--according to Richard Marks of Damien Tours--in one of the oldest existing church buildings in Hawaii. Marks, a widely known critic of state policies at Kalaupapa, contends that not enough is being done to preserve the many physical reminders of the peninsula's rich history.

Kalaupapa might almost be considered Marks' hometown, although he was born and raised on Maui. He has been a patient for the past 14 years at Kalaupapa, where he lives in a pleasant little house with his wife, a former patient. His father and a brother also are patients.

Because he is a patient, Marks is not permitted to drive his customers on tours of the peninsula. But he frequently drives behind the tour limousine driven by his wife, stopping at points of interest to discuss them with visitors.

Marks said the restriction on his association with tourists is one example of outmoded state policies that date from the days when leprosy was a dread and unknown disease. Marks said he is encouraged, however, by recent liberalized



FATHER DAMIEN
in 1873, at the age of 38,
when he first came to Molokai

physical shape. Persons with doubts about their stamina can skip the return hike and fly out of Kalaupapa by scheduled airline or chartered aircraft.

Information on visiting Kalaupapa is available from either of the area's two tour companies, Damien Tours or Kalau-papa-Kalawao Tours.

The head of the trail at Kalaupapa Lookout is accessible by a fair road that runs into the mountains from the town of Kualapuu. Magnificent vistas of the green Molokai cliffs plummeting into the sea and of the Kalawao Peninsula and its



IN THE 1890'S, MOLOKAI

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The historic narrative of Kalaupapa, leprosy, and Marks seems to end here. He says he is planning further changes in state regulations regarding leprosy.



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TOUR GUIDE Richard Marks, with
some of his pets at Kalaupapa.



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the medical advances against leprosy during the past 20 years.

From Kalaupapa, a dirt road runs to the east side of the peninsula, where Father Damien carried out most of his work. The road passes the peninsula's volcanic crater, with a large white cross and an old Hawaiian graveyard on its rim. Off to the right of the road, wild goats can occasionally be seen walking high up among the cliffs that form the peninsula's southern boundary.

Siloama Church, a tiny and beautifully maintained Protestant church founded in 1866, sits to the left of the road a short distance from the crater. From this area, there is an impressive view of the rugged Molokai coastline stretching away to the east of Kalawao.

Down the road from Siloama is St. Philomena, Father Damien's church. The first wing of the church was built in 1873, shortly before Father Damien arrived on Molokai. The present structure was fully completed just after his death.

The state-owned church currently sports a new paint job inside and out due to the volunteer efforts of a group of Marines from Kaneohe, Oahu. "The Marines did more in six or seven weekends than has been done here in 40 years," Marks said.

Marks says the preservation of St. Philomena is vital to an understanding of the history of Kalawao because of its associations with Father Damien and because of the importance of religion to the people of the old leprosy settlement. Before the advent of medical means of leprosy treatment, Marks says, "their religion was all they had."

Father Damien, he said, "wasn't the first person to come to help the people

here. But he was the first person to stay and to live permanently with the people." Father Damien came as a healthy man and later contracted leprosy. He probably could have avoided the disease if he had been more cautious in his contacts with patients, Marks said. But it was the priest's refusal to be terrified by leprosy that gained him the confidence and respect of the people.

On the grounds outside St. Philomena is Father Damien's original grave. The body of the priest was returned to Belgium much earlier in this century at the request of the Belgian government.

The eventual fate of St. Philomena, and of the entire 8,500-acre Kalawao Peninsula, is an unknown at the present

time. Treatment of active leprosy patients at Kalaupapa is expected to be phased out in the future. The state then will have to decide what to do with the peninsula.

In order to preserve the beauty and the history of Kalawao, Marks advocates creation of a national park on the peninsula. He feels that only in this way will the area be safe from misuse and exploitation.

The idea is tempting. It is obvious that Kalawao offers a unique opportunity for government to make responsible and imaginative use of an area that offers scenic grandeur along with a first-hand look into a fascinating chapter of American history.



THE STEEP TRAIL that runs down the face of a northern Molokai cliff to the town of Kalaupapa offers many views along the way of the Kalawao Peninsula.

Letters

EDITOR:

I have followed the fluoridation controversy for nearly ten years, and I find that the average dentist and medical doctor merely quote what they read in their professional literature on this subject. They do not have the time or the means of making independent studies. Unfortunately, fluoridation studies seem to be most often made by those benefitting by the use or sales of fluorides, or products containing them.

If there is positive scientific evidence, obtained by experts in their fields (biology, chemistry, medicine, nutrition, etc., NOT by propaganda experts), that fluoride benefits developing teeth in children, without any adverse effects, then by all means let's use it.

But, as fluoridation is supposed to benefit children only, then in the name of sanity and scientific reasoning, let the authorities devise sensible methods whereby only children consume fluoride. As it is now, authorities agree that over 99.5% of the money spent for water-system fluoridation is wasted. Adults do not benefit from drinking fluoridated water, and indeed may be severely harmed by it.

WILLARD E. EDWARDS
Honolulu

EDITOR:

You undoubtedly know that fluoride in one form or another is an important ingredient in many insecticides, which the Food and Drug Administration is now concerning itself with. And we must all bear in mind that if fluorides are added to the water supply, we will have no choice whatsoever in the kind of water we will get, whereas cyclamates, DDT, MSG, and other substances are subject to personal discrimination.

Unfortunately, the United States Public Health Service endorsed fluoridation in 1950 before any studies had been done to prove fluorides absolutely harmless to human beings. You will be shocked to know that the studies have not yet been done and there is no proof of universal harmlessness in existence, no matter how much the proponents shout that it has been proven safe.

I hope, therefore, that Maui County, including Molokai, will think long and hard before it endorses fluoridation of your wonderful water.

Since fluorides are highly corrosive, the question occurs to me as to the effect fluorides in water would have on that wonderful new rubberlined reservoir that is being built on Molokai. Will its life time be 40 years as now anticipated, or could it easily be reduced to 10 or less?

MRS. G. J. WATUMULL
Honolulu
Member, Executive Committee
Citizens' Pure Water Assn. of Hawaii, Inc.

EDITOR:

In behalf of the Maui County Fluoridation Committee, I would like to take this means of extending to you and the citizens of Molokai heartiest congratulations on the excellent support on fluoridation. These actions, as exemplified by the enthusiastic endorsement of fluoridation by the various organizations of your community, clearly illustrates mature understanding of the derivative benefits of fluoridation.

The educational aspect of the locally fluoridated water system in Maunaloa may have provided the climate for wholehearted support of fluoridation. The tremendous result in Maunaloa speaks for itself. It is hoped that the community will follow through until fluoridation is a reality in Molokai.

ALAN T. MIYAMOTO, DDS
Chairman, Maui County Committee
on Fluoridation

EDITOR:

In answer to your letter of December 8, 1969, regarding the possible effect of fluoridated water on the butyl rubber lining of the Kualapuu Reservoir, I have this to report.

First, if water on Molokai is fluoridated, it will be done downstream of the Kualapuu Reservoir. There would be no reason for us to have the water fluoridated before it enters this reservoir and therefore we are not concerned about this matter.

Secondly, in checking with Wisdom Rubber Company, they report to me that they have many letters concerning this matter of the effect of fluorine on the butyl rubber lining and experiments have shown that at the dosages used in fluoridation, there will be no deleterious effect on the butyl rubber.

ROBERT T. CHUCK
Manager-Chief Engineer
State Dept. of Land & Natural Resources
Division of Water & Land Development

EDITOR:

May I take this occasion to say how pleased I was to receive the first copies of the Molokai Reporter. I found your November 19 edition of special interest because of the extensive coverage you gave Kualapuu Reservoir. As this was a project which I strongly supported in urging the Federal loan back in 1962, I inserted in the Congressional Record some remarks on the background of the project and its promise for other water-hungry areas.

Best wishes to you and your associates for a successful future for the Molokai Reporter.

HIRAM L. FONG
U.S. Senate

Mark Slattery



OBSERVED AT O'NE ALII PARK over Christmas--One off-island family came for a vacation fully prepared for the rigors of Molokai: tent, sleeping bags, windbreaks, cooking gear, and--yepl--TV set. We saw the ominous blue-green glow emitted from the tube on more than one night.

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MOLOKAI'S LOCAL CROP of surfers should have been out in force during last week's Kona storm. They could have "hung ten" from one end of the wharf to the other, the waves were so big and fast--so big, they might have hung themselves in the process.

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WE NEARLY BLEW OUR TOPS (not our minds) at the "Drugs" talk sponsored by the Lyceum series last week. While the subject was interesting, and some good points were brought up, the discussion never reached the "high" it would have had it started on time. Forty-five minutes wait is a little too much.

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IT WASN'T OUR FAULT this time, folks, Dept.: Hawaiian Tel recently had to replace a fifty-foot section of cable because someone had sponsored a coconut roast under their main line. The coconuts were OK, but that plastic topping was a mite hard to digest.

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A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO we dedicated a brand new reservoir that's supposed to take two years to fill. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the county could fill it with all the water that floods the east end road?

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WORDS OF ONE frustrated bird hunter as he "broke" his double barreled shotgun over his knee: "Wait 'til next year!"

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THE HOUSE COMMITTEE on Education's hearing last Thursday started tardily, with one group of representatives lost near the Kalaupapa Lookout. Commented chauffeur Cliff Horata later, perhaps in connection with the incident: "We are victims of bureaucracy in operation."

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RUMOR HAS IT that they're working down at the wharf. This remains to be proven, however, as the pineapple companies will no doubt attest. The repair job is apparently so far behind that this summer's pine may go out by dugout canoe.

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OK, YOU WOULD-BE ARTISTS, turn out in force: Beginning ceramics is one of the nine courses being offered in the adult education classes starting soon. Contact Randy Kobayashi if you have a yen to use a pen.

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THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM'S new office has a sign that blasts you from the other side of town. It's probably the neatest thing to a billboard there is in Hawaii. It's four by eight feet, and we think it grows larger by the minute.

Park Service Names Historic Sites

Several sites in east Molokai are designated as places of historic interest in a new book published by the National Park Service.

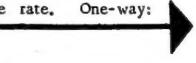
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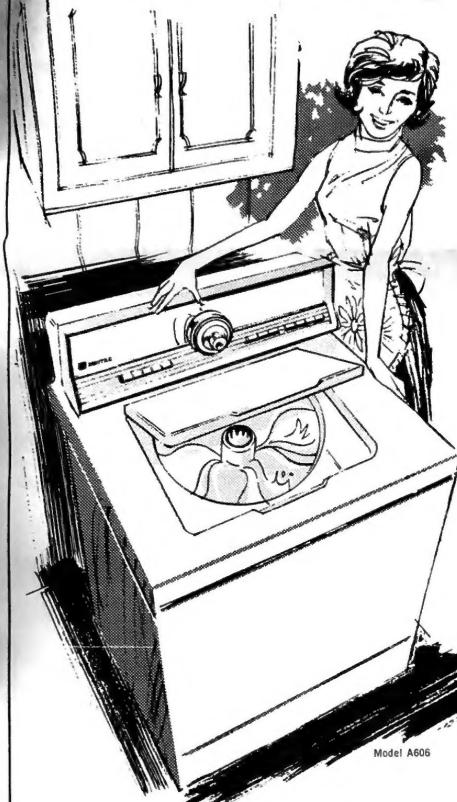
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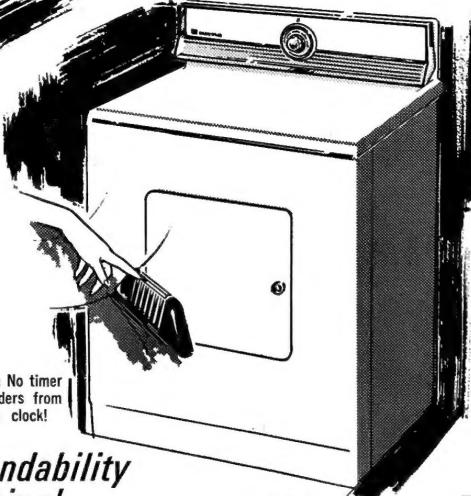


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Chamber Elects

Robert Brown, manager of Del Monte's Kualapuu pineapple plantation, will be installed as new president of the Molokai Chamber of Commerce this Friday.

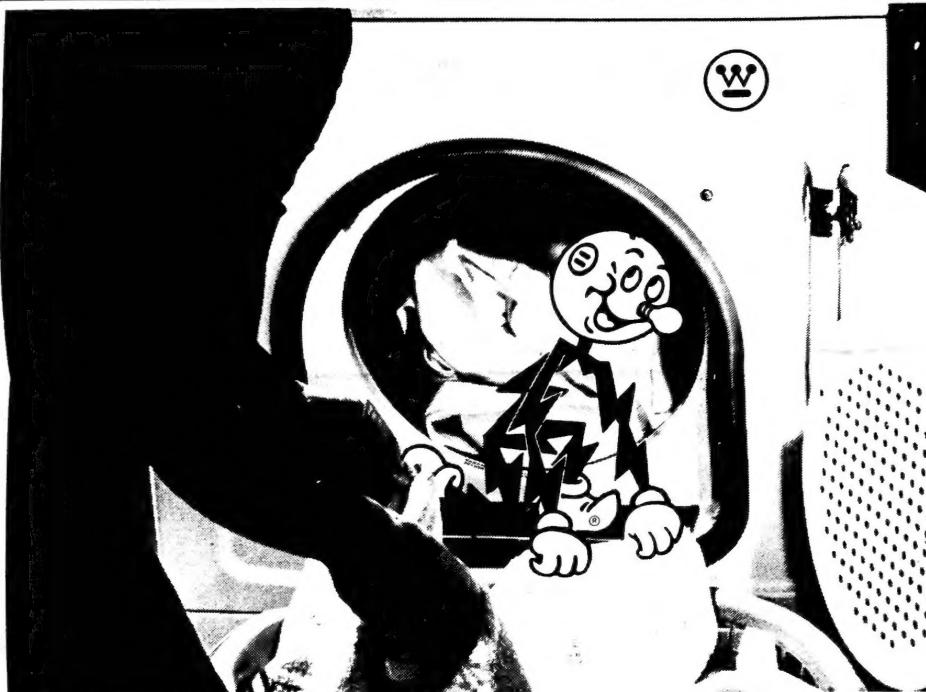
Installing officer will be John F. Nielsen, new president of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Brown will succeed Henry Yamashita, manager and vice president of Molokai Electric Co., Ltd., who has held the Chamber presidency for the past three years.

Installation of officers will be held during a dinner meeting at Hotel Molokai. A cocktail hour is scheduled from 6-7 p.m., with the business meeting and dinner from 7-8:30. Tickets for the dinner are \$3.50.

Other officers for 1970 are: executive secretary, George Tamura; first vice president, Ralph Moltzau; second vice president, John Barkley; third vice president, Mrs. Pearl Friel; recording secretary, Mrs. Pauline Castanera; treasurer, Mitsuo Watanabe.

"I was wearing a seat belt, tightly buckled. I had some experience rolling cars, on a track, so I kept my head down, and that saved me. And the good Lord, I was coming over the hill there by the Puahala dredge, and a car was coming the other way and was a little over on my side. I moved over, but too far. I hit a rock or something and at that point the car swerved hard right and climbed up on that rock wall for about 40 feet or so and then turned over completely and skidded over the road. And there I was, hanging by the seat belt. I climbed out the window. This guy stopped and said, 'Are you okay?' I said, 'Fine.'"

--Andy Delaveaga,
after Jan. 12 accident



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No Chest X-rays For Molokai

The State Dept. of Health does not plan to carry out a chest X-ray survey on Molokai and Lanai this year due to the small number of new tuberculosis cases found in recent years.

Dr. Kirsten Vennesland, chief of the department's tuberculosis branch, said the chest X-rays will be offered on the two islands again in 1971.

Vennesland said an alternate method of discovering persons with tuberculosis will be used on Molokai and Lanai during 1970. The alternate program, to start this summer, will involve tuberculin testing of all residents who wish such a test. Persons showing a positive reaction to the tests then will be given chest X-rays.

The results of the planned 1971 survey and of the 1970 alternate program will be carefully reviewed to decide how to proceed in the future in uncovering new cases of tuberculosis, he said.

Vennesland said an average of 1,766 X-rays were taken on Molokai and Lanai during the years 1965 through 1969. A total of ten new cases of tuberculosis were found, of which four were in an inactive stage. Three new cases were discovered in 1967 and in 1969, two each in 1965 and 1966, and none during 1968.

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